Survey of limestone in Nagaland

1276. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MIKES be please to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has made any survey of Nag;tland to find the existence of limeston

(b) if so, what are the findings, with particular reference to the location where they are available and quantum and quality of the deposits available there; and

(c) whether the grade of stone is good enough for locating a cement factory or an Asbestos Unit in Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. Geological Survey of India has not made any recent survey for limestone as such. However, the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Nagaland has carried out detailed survey for limestone in Nagaland.

(b) Occurrences of economic significance of limestone located are: —

(i) Nimi deposit 111.07 million tonnes limestone with 52.66 per cent calcium oxide in Tuensang district; and

(ii) Wazlho in phek district 0.31 million tonnes with 48.56 per cent calcium oxide.

(c> The grade of limestone is suitable for producing cement.

Land for setting up of hospitals in Delhi

1277. SHRI S. S. AHULWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the land required for setting up some additional peripheral hospitals in Delhi has not been made available so far by D.D.A. to the Delhi Administr* tion; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when the land is likely to be made available to the Delhi Administration for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No request from the Delhi Administration for allotment of land for setting up peripheral Hospitals in Delhi has been received by the Delhi Development Authority.

(b) In view of above, question does not arise.

Shortage of PIG iron

1278. SHRI YASHWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great shortage of iron in the country;

(b) what is the total production of pig iron in the country and the total demand thereof;

. (c) the quantity of pig iron which was imported during the last financial ir and that which is likely to be imported during the current financial year and it cost of in foreign exchange; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the demand through indigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Production and demand for pig iron vary from year to year. The production and demand for 1989-90 are estimated at 1.5 million tonnes and 1.75 million tonnes respectively.